

**BEALS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Beals, Maine
August 12, 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINUTES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

A meeting of the Beals School Committee was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, with members present as follows: Debbie Kelley, Morgan Merchant and Mariner Bunker. Also present were Principal Christopher Crowley and Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of June 17th 2020.

The School Committee voted (3-0-0) to approve the minutes of June 17th, 2020.

2. Approval of hiring of Pre-K/K teacher and Ed Tech III.

After motion and second, the School Committee voted (3-0) to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Brenda Kelley as probationary first year Pre-k/Kindergarten teacher and to approve his hiring of Suzanne Fenton as an Educational Technician III.

3. Vote on the School Calendar.

After motion and second, the School Committee voted (3-0) to approve a revised 2020-21 school calendar that reflects the first student instruction day as September 28, 2020 and to see waiver from the DOE to the 175 student-day requirement.

4. Vote on School Reopening:

Motion made and seconded to reopen the school for in-classroom instruction. Discussion earlier in the evening at the CSD meeting included a presentation by the Superintendent to the Board and audience on the reopening plan. There was much discussion from the Board members and audience concerning the various concerns and aspects of health and safety as well as remote instruction. The Board discussed several options including all remote instruction to start, a return to in-classroom instruction exclusively and what other "hybrid" models may be available. Board members also expressed some frustration with the State requirements seemingly changing weekly and the difficulty in predicting what would change next. The Board also discussed a later return date for students to better prepare the schools and staff for in-classroom instruction.

The School Committee voted (3-0) to reopen the school for in-classroom instruction.

5. Vote on School Reopening Plan.

After motion and second, the School Committee voted (3-0) to approve the School Reopening Plan as presented by the Superintendent.

6. Vote on CFR Grant.

After motion and second, the School Committee voted (3-0) to authorize the Superintendent to apply for and accept \$ 85,450.14 in CFR reopening funds.

7. Adjournment.

After motion and second, the School Committee voted (3-0) to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lewis Collins
Superintendent of Schools